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1. NEW SMALL-CHARACTER POSTERS PASTED UP AROUND THE BASE OF THE TIEN AN MEN SQUARE MARTYR'S MONUMENT ON APRIL 6 FEATURED THINLY-DISGUISED ASSAULTS ON PEKING PARTY FIST SECRETARY WU TEH. EMPLOYING THE HOMONYM "WITHOUT VIRTUE" (WU TEH) TO IDENTIFY THEIR PRIMARY TARGET, SEVERAL POSTER WRITERS STATED FLATLY THAT "THE WIND FACTION AND THE COVER-UP FACTION IS 'WITHOUT VIRTUE'". READ ALOUD BY COPYISTS GATHERED AROUND THE POSTERS, THIS PHRASE INVARIABLY PRODUCED KNOWING CHUCKLES FROM THE THROGS. ONE SET OF TWO POSTERS ENTITLED "TO THE WIND FACTION AND THE COVER-UP FACTION" AND SIGNED BY "YOUNGER GENERATION" (CHING-NIAN YI-TAI) REFERRED TO "WITHOUT VIRTUE" AS A "TUMBLER" (PU-TAO-WENG, THE CHILDREN'S TOY WHICH WHEN STRUCK TO THE GROUND BOBS BACK UP AGAIN). STRONGLY IMPLIED IN THE POSTERS WAS THE THOUGHT THAT WU TEH ENJOYS
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POWERFUL PROTECTION WITHOUT WHICH HE COULD NOT WITHSTAND THE RAGE OF THE MASSES WHO RECALL HIS ROLE IN THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT OF 1976.

2. OTHER NEW POSTERS CONTAINED NOW-STANDARD ALLUSIONS TO THE "HEART-STIRRING" EVENTS OF THE APRIL 1976 TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT. ONE SUCH POSTER, PHRASED SOMEWHAT MORE PROVOCATIVELY THAN THE

OTHERS, CONTAINED AN "OPEN STATEMENT" TO THE ENTIRE WORLD
DECLARING THE THE 1976 TIEN AN MEN MOVEMENT PROVED THAT THE

CHINESE MASSES WOULD "DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY AND BE MASTERS
OF THEIR OWN HOUSE" IN THE FACE OF OPPRESSION. STILL OTHER
POSTERS -- ONE OF THEM DRAFTED IN THE FORM OF "A LETTER TO
CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG" -- REFERRED TO THE BLOOD DEBT OWED THE
MARTYRS OF THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT.

3. PLA SOLDIERS AND UNIFORMED PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL MINGLED
UNOBTRUSIVELY WITH THE MEDIUM-SIZED CROWDS. THE LEVEL OF
PUBLIC INTEREST REMAINED ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THAT DISPLAYED
LAST JANUARY.

4. ALTHOUGH AFP HAS REPORTED A POSTER ATTACKING KANG SHENG,
NO WESTERNDIPLOMAT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS SEEN IT (THE JAPANESE,
BRITISH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES ALL INDICATE THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF
IT). ORIGINAL SOURCE FOR THE STORY APPEARS TO BE THE POLISH
PRESS AGENCY, WHOSE CORRESPONDENT THOUGH REASONABLY RELIABLE
CANNOT READ CHINESE.
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